I am in support of this bill please pass it out of the committee.

Costs associated with keeping these institutional programs open are excessive and high quality supports for these individuals can be provided in community based settings. This has been proven for the past 25 years throughout the State of Connecticut and is the standard in almost every other State. From a quality of care standpoint there is no evidence to support the belief that keeping these institutional programs open is more beneficial.

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